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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHIN MUTO) Examiner: K. Lim
Application No.: 09/625,842) Group Art Unit: 2153
Filed: July 26, 2000)
For: SYSTEM FOR SEARCHING)
FOR APPARATUS CONNECTED)
TO NETWORK AND APPARATUS)
EMPLOYED BY SAME SYSTEM,)
AND CONTROL METHOD)
THEREFOR) February 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>
10/683,102	October 10, 2003	2175	03500.014609.1

Applicant notes that the foregoing co-pending application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to Application No. 09/609,224, filed on June 30, 2000, which is now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims (both as originally filed and as currently pending) and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

Although this application has received a final Office Action dated January 2, 2004, Applicant believes that the finality of that Office Action to be flawed for the reasons set forth in an Amendment After Final Rejection filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). As such, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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